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LIVESTOCK PRICES REMAIN STRONG IN WYOMING

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in Wyoming for agriculture commodities sold during June was 123 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was down 2 points (2 percent) from May, but up 19 points (18 percent) from last year.

The **All Livestock Index** was up 1 point (1 percent) from last month and up 28 points (28 percent) from last year. Prices for cows, steers and heifers, calves, and lambs were higher than in May while sheep prices were slightly lower. All livestock prices were still well above last year at this time. Cow prices, at \$55.00 per hundredweight, were \$10.70 above June 2003. Steer and heifer prices averaged \$106.00 per hundredweight, up \$4.00 from May and \$20.80 higher than June 2003. Calve prices, at \$125.00 per hundredweight, were \$3.00 higher than in May and \$19.00 higher than last year. Lamb prices, at \$115.00 per hundredweight, were up \$3.00 from May and \$12.00 above June 2003.

The **All Crops Index** was down 1 point (1 percent) from May and down 5 points (4 percent) from last year. The drop from last year was the result of a large drop in hay prices from June 2003. Prices were slightly lower than last month for most crops. Corn was down 10 cents and wheat was off 14 cents from the May average. Prices for alfalfa hay and other hay were unchanged from May. Alfalfa hay averaged \$70.00 per ton in June, \$25.00 below June 2003. Other hay prices, at \$66.00 per ton, were down \$23.00 from last year.

The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 129 based on 1990-92=100, is unchanged from the May Index, but up 22 points (21 percent) from June 2003. The Livestock & Products Index remained unchanged from May while the All Crops Index decreased 1 point (1 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, broilers, sweet corn, and cattle. Lower prices were received for milk, soybeans, tomatoes, and grapes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloup offset decreased marketings of strawberries, oranges, sweet corn, and tomatoes.

ACRES PLANTED TO WYOMING CROPS DECREASE IN 2004 JULY WINTER WHEAT AND BARLEY FORECASTS BELOW 2003

Results of the annual June acreage survey indicate that Wyoming producers have 1.45 million acres in crop production in 2004. This acreage includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for alfalfa and other hay. Acreage planted to grain and row crops totaled 457,000 acres, down 2 percent from 2003 and 2002.

Wyoming producers planted 150,000 acres of **winter wheat** last fall, down 10,000 acres from the previous year; 135,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, also down 10,000 acres from last year. The **July 1 production forecast** is down 24 percent from 2003. **Spring wheat** seedings totaled 7,000 acres in 2004, down 1,000 acres from last year. Acreage planted to **oats** was down 10,000 acres from last year, totaling 50,000 acres; 13,000 acres are expected for grain. This is the lowest harvested acres on record dating back to 1892. **Barley** area planted, at 85,000 acres, is down 5,000 acres from 2003. A total of 70,000 acres of barley are expected to be harvested for grain, down 5,000 from 2003. The **July 1 production forecast** is down 9 percent from 2003.

A total of 100,000 acres of **corn** were planted statewide, 18 percent above 2003 and the most since 1985. **Dry bean** planted acreage is down 7 percent from 2003. **Sugarbeet** acreage is up 6 percent from last year to 37,000 acres planted.

Producers expect to harvest 990,000 acres of **all hay** in 2004, which would be down 18 percent from last year, but up 4 percent from 2002. The acreage is comprised of 490,000 acres of **alfalfa**, down 25 percent from 2003, and 500,000 acres of **other hay**, 9 percent less than last year.

UNITED STATES: The 2004 **winter wheat** planted area, at 43.5 million acres, is 3 percent below last year, but up fractionally from the previous estimate. Expected area harvested for grain is 34.8 million acres, 5 percent below the 2003 total. The **July 1 production forecast** is down 14 percent from 2003. Acreage planted to other **spring wheat** for 2004 is estimated at 13.7 million, down 1 percent from 2003. Grain area is expected to total 13.2 million acres, down 2 percent from last year.

Growers seeded 4.67 million acres of **barley** for 2004, down 12 percent from the 5.30 million acres seeded a year ago. Acres for harvest, at 4.15 million, are down 11 percent from the 2003 level. The **July 1 production forecast** is down 5 percent from last year.

The area planted to oats for 2004 harvest is off 8 percent from 2003. Harvested average is expected to be down 13 percent and production, based on **July 1 conditions**, down 16 percent.

The 2004 **corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 81.0 million acres, up 3 percent from both 2002 and 2003. Growers expect to harvest 73.4 million acres for grain, up 3 percent from 2003.

Producers expect to harvest 61.6 million acres of all **hay** in 2004, 3 percent below 2003. Harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures are forecast at 22.2 million acres, down 6 percent from last year. All other hay harvested area is expected to total 39.4 million acres, down 1 percent.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2003; ACREAGE AND JULY 1 SMALL GRAIN FORECASTS 2004

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2003	2004	2003	July 2004	2003	July 2004	2003	July 2004	03/02 %
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000				
WYOMING									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	85	100	50	65	129.0	2/	6,450	2/	
Winter Wheat (bu)	160	150	145	135	27.0	22.0	3,915	2,970	76%
Spring Wheat (bu)	8	7	6	5	25.0	3/	150	3/	
Oats (bu)	60	50	23	13	46.0	3/	1,058	3/	
Barley (bu)	90	85	75	70	95.0	93.0	7,125	6,510	91%
Sugarbeets (tons)	35	37	33.7	35.5	22.3	4/	752	4/	
Dry Beans (cwt)	30	28	29.0	27.0	22.20	4/	645	4/	
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	650	490	2.40	4/	1,560	4/	
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	550	500	1.40	4/	770	4/	
All Hay (tons)	—	—	1,200	990	1.94	4/	2,330	4/	
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	78,736	80,968	71,139	73,362	142.2	4/	10,113,887	4/	
Winter Wheat (bu)	44,945	43,450	36,541	34,825	46.7	42.2	1,707,069	1,469,735	86%
Spring Wheat (bu)	13,840	13,677	13,429	13,210	39.7	37.9	532,820	500,765	94%
Oats (bu)	4,601	4,220	2,224	1,938	65.0	62.9	144,649	121,860	84%
Barley (bu)	5,299	4,666	4,688	4,152	58.9	63.5	276,087	263,502	95%
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,365.4	1,340.5	1,347.9	1,310.4	22.7	4/	752	4/	
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,406.1	1,424.2	1,346.9	1,325.2	16.72	4/	22,515	4/	
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	23,578	22,226	3.24	4/	76,307	4/	
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	39,764	39,363	2.03	4/	80,816	4/	
All Hay (tons)	—	—	63,342	61,589	2.48	4/	157,123	4/	

1/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

2/Forecasts no longer made. Final estimates released January 2005.

3/Forecasts no longer made. Final estimates released September 30.

4/First forecast released August 12.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, JUNE 2003, MAY 2004, AND JUNE 15, 2004 U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			% OF PARITY
		JUNE 2003	MAY 2004	JUNE 15 2004	JUNE 2003	MAY 2004	JUNE 15 2004	
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	44.30	53.50	55.00	41.90	52.40	52.90	--
Steers & Heifers	100#	85.20	102.00	106.00	78.60	92.60	93.30	--
Calves	100#	106.00	122.00	125.00	101.00	121.00	124.00	54
Sheep	100#	29.70	34.00	33.00	30.30	36.50	1/	--
Lambs	100#	103.00	112.00	115.00	96.90	103.00	1/	--
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2.26	3.00	2.90	2.34	2.87	2.74	40
Oats	Bu.	2.20	1.85	1.80	1.83	1.70	1.55	39
Feed Barley	Bu.	2.11	2.16	2.15	2.33	2.39	2.21	--
All Wheat	Bu.	3.47	3.59	3.45	3.08	3.82	3.55	35
Dry Beans	100#	19.50	18.70	19.00	16.60	19.90	19.90	38
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	95.50	70.00	70.00	98.90	109.00	102.00	--
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	89.00	66.00	66.00	79.20	74.90	76.90	--

1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.

	WYOMING			UNITED STATES		
	JUNE 2003	MAY 2004	JUNE 15 2004	JUNE 2003	MAY 2004	JUNE 15 2004
1990-92 = 100						
All Commodities	104	125	123	107	129	129
All Crops	113	109	108	118	124	123
All Livestock and Products	101	128	129	99	133	133

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.62 million head on June 1, 2004. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2003 but 3 percent below June 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.36 million, 2 percent above 2003 and 4 percent above 2002. Net placements were 2.28 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 495,000, 600-699 pounds were 486,000, 700-799 pounds were 772,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 610,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.03 million, 9 percent below 2003 and 7 percent below 2002.

Other disappearance totaled 79,000 during May, 22 percent above 2003 and 3 percent above 2002.

**CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS,
SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, JUNE 1, 2003-2004 1/**

State	On Feed May 1, 2004	Place- ments May 2004	Market- ings May 2004	Other Disapp. May 2004	On Feed June 1, 2004	On Feed June 1, 2003
Thousand Head						
CO	940	265	180	15	1,010	990
KS	2,240	495	465	20	2,250	2,270
NE	2,100	390	470	10	2,010	1,930
TX	2,560	740	480	10	2,810	2,880
Oth						
Sts.	2,520	473	433	24	2,536	2,469
U.S.	10,360	2,363	2,028	79	10,616	10,539

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during May 2004 totaled 400,000 pounds. This was down 9 percent from the previous month and down 3 percent from May 2003. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Six hundred *cattle* were slaughtered in May, unchanged from May 2003. Total live weight was 647,000 pounds, down 3 percent from May 2003. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,158 pounds down 2 pounds from last year.

A total of 200 *hogs* and *pigs* were processed, 100 head fewer than last year. Total live weight, at 49,000 pounds, was down 31 percent from May 2003. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 253 pounds, down 3 pounds from last year.

One hundred *sheep* and *lambs* were processed in May, unchanged from May 2003. Live weight totaled 12,000 pounds, also the same as last year. Average live weight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 139 pounds, up 6 pounds from a year earlier.

January to May red meat production, at 2.4 million pounds, was 4 percent below last year's total of 2.5 million pounds.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.60 billion pounds in May, down 9 percent from the 3.94 billion pounds produced in May 2003.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 12 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.84 million head, down 13 percent from May 2003. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,204 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.50 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.58 million head, 3 percent below May 2003. The average live weight was 1 pound below the previous year, at 266 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.0 million pounds, was down 14 percent from May 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 188,500 head, 15 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 1 pound from May a year ago.

January to May 2004 commercial red meat production was 18.4 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 9 percent from last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, MAY 2003 AND 2004, Wyoming and U.S.										
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	May 2003	May 2004	May 2003	May 2004	% 04/03	May 2003	May 2004	May 2003	May 2004	% 04/03
			1,000 Pounds						1,000 Pounds	
Cattle	600	600	664	647	97	3,247,600	2,836,200	3,921,750	3,415,563	87
Hogs	300	200	71	49	69	7,815,800	7,578,700	2,090,599	2,014,254	96
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	12	12	100	222,200	188,500	30,517	26,049	85

WYOMING MILK PRODUCTION UP 17 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

WYOMING: The number of milk cows in **Wyoming** during April-June 2004 averaged 4,100 head. The number of cows was up 100 head from the previous quarter and up 300 head from the same quarter one year ago. Milk production during 2004's second quarter was 15.6 million pounds, up 8 percent from the previous three months and up 17 percent from the same quarter last year, but still down 9 percent from April-June 2002.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the U.S. during the April-June quarter totaled 43.7 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the April-June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.00 million head, 112,000 head fewer than the same period last year.

**MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION,
SELECTED STATES AND U.S., APR-JUN, 2003 AND 2004**

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		Change from 2003
	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
WY	3.8	4.1	13.3	15.6	+17.3
CA	1,685	1,720	9,097	9,247	+1.6
CO	100	102	545	557	+2.2
ID	401	418	2,212	2,272	+2.7
MT	18	18	87	88	+1.1
NE	65	60	294	265	-9.9
SD	83	80	339	338	-0.3
UT	92	87	413	409	-1.0
WI	1,258	1,243	5,691	5,618	-1.3
US	9,109	8,997	43,965	43,702	-0.6

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.